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Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox Welcomes Governor Janet Napolitano and Connie Hawkins to Present Trophies at

16th Annual Wilcox Late Night Basketball for Valley Youth Championships

The Wilcox Late Night Basketball Program aims to provide creative alternatives for youths through cultural and recreational activities to reduce gang violence and criminal activity.

WHO: Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox, Governor Janet Napolitano and Connie Hawkins will present trophies

WHAT: Final Championship Games
16th Annual Wilcox Late Night Basketball for
boys and girls up to age 18 from Maricopa County District 5
(SW & Central Maricopa County)

WHEN: Saturday night, September 2, beginning at 7PM

WHERE: Grant Park, 701 S. 3rd Ave. downtown Phoenix
FREE and open to the public

The 16th annual Wilcox Late Night Basketball tournament for youth age 18 and under commenced August 7th and culminates in championship games on Saturday, September 2 at Grant Park, 701 S. 3rd Ave., downtown Phoenix. Governor Napolitano and Connie Hawkins will arrive around 7:00 PM to award trophies.

Divisions include:

Boys 18 and under, 15 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under
Girls 18 and under and 15 under

Earl and Mary Rose Wilcox launched the youth tournament to provide a positive alternative to drugs, violence and gang involvement.

According to City of Phoenix crime statistics, the juvenile crime rate had been reduced by about 17% in the inner city neighborhood where the tournament program is run. Supervisor Wilcox says, "Youth can get caught up in gangs, violence and drugs, but we believe we can show them a better path. Through participation in this esteem-building program, we encourage kids to turn away from bad influences, to carry on in school and to contribute to their communities."

For a schedule of games, please visit: www.maricopa.gov/dist5

All games free and open to the public